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As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a continuation-in-part application of Appl. No. 10/213,967 filed on August 7, 2002, and claims the benefit, under 35 U.S.C Section 119(e), of co-pending Provisional Application No. 60/478,914, filed June 16, 2003.

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For: OFFSHORE PLATFORM WITH VERTICALLY-RESTRAINED BUOY
AND WELL DECK

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of twenty (20) pages
- Nine (9) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- Unexecuted Declaration
- Preliminary Amendment
- An assignment of the invention to _____
- Certified copy of _____
- Priority of application No(s). _____ filed in _____ on _____
is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the
Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on
_____.

- An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
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--This application is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/213,967 filed on August 7, 2002, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

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--This application is a continuation-in-part of PCT international application No. PCT/____ that has an international filing date of ____ that designated the United States, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

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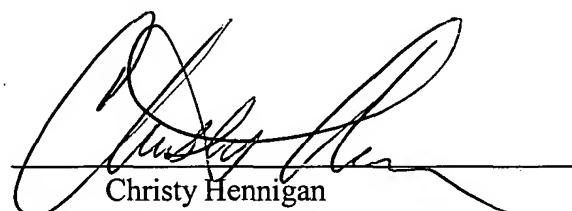
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